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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APR. 1957
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,310	1,925	2,048
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	43,280	43,896	42,110
Construction Contracts (\$1).....*	N.A.	N.A.	2,776,431
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....*	151,045	145,840	144,013
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....*	120,351	142,061	116,716
Industrial Production (FRB1947-49=100)	143.0	141.0	144.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	103.7	105.6	104.7
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	160.2	156.4	162.2
Newsprint Production (net tons).....*	744,129	699,558	717,253
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....*	746,797	701,328	701,018
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	6,945	6,921	6,871
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....*	58,200	56,900	58,600
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....*	126,029	124,440	121,193
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	9,808	10,490	9,815
Zinc Production (net tons).....*	96,855	81,238	96,506
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....*	59,989	59,085	55,000

	APR. 1957	APR. 1956	MAR. 1957
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,440	6,631	6,894
Cotton Consumption (bales).....*	808,000	729,600	690,600
Electricity Production (Kw-hours).....*	57,702	54,519	59,765
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....*	56,170	52,976	52,357
Lead Shipments (net tons).....*	37,583	44,946	38,225
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....*	647,414	654,333	677,778
Tires - Production (units).....*	8,950	8,834	9,766
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	9,281	9,119	9,114
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	35,500	39,800	36,500

	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APR. 1957
Cement Production (barrels).....*	22,642	23,386	17,827
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	20,551	22,222	15,106
Cigarette Production (units).....*	33,222	32,471	31,688
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	118,591	118,699	108,205
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	239,214	225,625	215,099
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	249,445	245,340	226,461

	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APR. 1957
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$).....*	197,181	185,584	192,492
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$).....*	71,780	69,452	72,328
Bank Debts, Outside N.Y.C. (\$).....*	125,401	116,131	120,165
Bond Sales, N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$).....*	87,537	91,834	90,065
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$).....*	1,280	2,260	1,500
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$).....*	502,181	490,526	763,411
Fire Losses (\$).....*	79,045	87,681	85,994
Life Insurance Sales (\$).....*	6,224	4,603	5,907
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	52,559	53,230	48,310
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	20,640	21,790	20,640

	APR. 1957	APR. 1956	MAR. 1957
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$).....*	1,854,999	1,511,700	2,142,700
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$).....*	1,125,000	991,000	1,130,765
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$).....*	886,054	877,382	903,612
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$).....*	81,202	94,319	89,857
Retail Sales (\$).....*	16,300	14,900	15,800
Wholesale Sales (\$).....*	10,400	9,900	10,400
Manufacturing Sales (\$).....*	28,937	27,370	29,762
Retail Inventories (\$).....*	24,510	24,510	24,510
Wholesale Inventories (\$).....*	13,000	12,600	13,100
Manufacturing Inventories (\$).....*	52,655	48,170	52,626

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—May 1957 and 1956

	(Thousands of dollars)			
	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	% Change	APR. 1957
Boston.....	3,147,355	3,210,090	- 2.0	3,053,053
Philadelphia.....	4,799,000	5,764,000	- 16.8	5,508,000
Buffalo.....	627,116	609,116	+ 2.9	610,157
Pittsburgh.....	2,193,780	2,026,693	+ 8.2	2,084,871
Cleveland.....	2,648,821	2,460,338	+ 7.7	2,514,090
Cincinnati.....	1,244,839	1,220,969	+ 2.0	1,238,111
Baltimore.....	1,667,813	1,579,307	+ 5.6	1,623,591
Richmond.....	884,076	806,273	+ 9.6	847,276
Atlanta.....	1,748,401	1,639,242	+ 6.7	1,702,200
New Orleans.....	953,761	905,216	+ 5.4	919,090
Memphis.....	564,339	554,672	+ 1.7	577,202
Chicago.....	5,117,656	4,867,552	+ 5.1	4,853,051
Detroit.....	3,378,362	3,254,600	+ 3.8	3,334,360
St. Louis.....	1,599,135	1,592,958	+ 0.4	1,616,358
Louisville.....	820,223	837,223	- 2.0	830,625
Minneapolis.....	1,745,102	1,605,550	+ 8.7	1,684,389
Kansas City.....	1,722,803	1,685,947	+ 2.2	1,743,063
Omaha.....	670,232	627,524	+ 6.8	639,653
Denver.....	848,656	794,545	+ 6.8	820,418
Dallas.....	2,019,350	1,887,277	+ 7.0	1,995,027
Houston.....	1,876,552	1,762,685	+ 6.2	1,763,266
Los Angeles.....	3,868,755	3,890,570	- 0.6	3,918,014
San Francisco.....	2,983,193	2,789,645	+ 6.9	3,010,422
Portland, Ore.....	827,473	825,328	+ 0.3	776,311
Seattle.....	912,909	822,901	+ 10.9	878,403
Total 25 Cities.....	48,865,428	48,020,221	+ 1.8	48,544,901
New York.....	49,122,875	48,884,307	+ 0.5	48,035,557
Total 26 Cities.....	97,988,500	96,904,528	+ 1.1	96,580,458

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	5 MONTHS 1957	5 MONTHS 1956	% Change	5 MONTHS 1955
Boston.....	15,012,721	14,594,008	+ 2.9	13,336,551
Philadelphia.....	26,546,000	26,546,000	0.0	24,710,000
Buffalo.....	3,060,500	2,912,332	+ 5.1	2,700,574
Pittsburgh.....	10,419,907	9,747,607	+ 6.9	8,384,036
Cleveland.....	12,718,888	11,944,037	+ 6.5	10,189,313
Cincinnati.....	6,184,276	5,968,963	+ 3.6	5,424,800
Baltimore.....	7,976,848	7,559,594	+ 5.5	6,866,883
Richmond.....	4,226,304	4,006,391	+ 5.5	3,720,460
Atlanta.....	8,478,000	7,810,142	+ 8.6	7,435,900
New Orleans.....	4,671,748	4,203,396	+ 11.1	3,870,617
Memphis.....	2,863,716	2,755,496	+ 3.9	2,542,055
Chicago.....	24,414,986	23,469,541	+ 4.0	21,494,294
Detroit.....	16,588,348	16,038,423	+ 3.4	14,043,593
St. Louis.....	8,274,321	7,938,510	+ 4.2	7,410,834
Louisville.....	4,124,408	4,161,045	- 0.9	3,855,176
Minneapolis.....	8,166,463	7,831,330	+ 4.2	7,160,981
Kansas City.....	8,674,269	8,385,874	+ 3.4	8,116,743
Omaha.....	3,229,877	3,157,987	+ 2.3	3,157,170
Denver.....	4,121,083	3,730,897	+ 10.5	3,380,352
Dallas.....	9,910,830	9,403,246	+ 5.4	8,795,025
Houston.....	8,988,840	8,639,504	+ 4.0	7,661,868
Los Angeles.....	19,228,891	19,334,410	- 0.6	17,318,612
San Francisco.....	14,376,954	13,769,674	+ 4.4	12,543,612
Portland, Ore.....	4,005,390	3,870,351	+ 3.5	3,612,741
Seattle.....	4,290,282	3,963,603	+ 8.2	3,776,520
Total 25 Cities.....	240,601,850	231,762,452	+ 3.8	212,081,719
New York.....	243,410,597	230,423,010	+ 5.6	220,824,634
Total 26 Cities.....	484,012,447	462,185,462	+ 4.7	432,906,353

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1954 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities				New York City				Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	103,253	96,104	87,462	80,946	51,411	47,789	45,004	42,599	51,842	48,314	42,458	38,347
February.....	87,144	82,375	80,589	76,130	43,572	39,550	42,646	40,866	43,572	42,825	37,943	35,264
March.....	99,046	95,734	95,249	90,883	51,269	49,167	49,403	47,723	47,777	46,568	45,846	43,160
April.....	96,580	91,068	83,559	82,815	48,035	45,033	41,673	43,437	48,545	46,035	41,887	39,378
May.....	97,989	96,905	86,047	79,771	49,123	48,884	42,099	42,435	48,866	48,020	43,948	37,336
June.....	96,069	91,966	89,211	82,815	48,987	46,545	47,566	47,566	47,082	45,421	41,645	39,378
July.....	94,463	83,362	83,729	82,815	46,341	41,017	44,207	44,207	48,122	42,345	39,522	37,336
August.....	93,323	86,995	82,817	82,815	45,442	41,453	43,345	43,345	47,882	45,543	39,472	37,336
September.....	85,266	86,612	80,283	80,283	41,832	42,020	40,710	40,710	43,434	44,592	39,573	37,336
October.....	100,190	90,642	83,176	83,176	48,711	44,905	43,134	43,134	51,479	45,737	40,042	37,336
November.....	93,716	88,603	84,476	84,476	45,898	43,333	43,079	43,079	47,818	45,720	41,397	37,336
December.....	100,171	97,510	98,823	98,823	51,523	50,787	52,928	52,928	48,648	46,724	45,895	37,336
Total.....	1,125,383	1,058,596	1,013,060	1,013,060	559,157	530,883	532,029	532,029	566,226	527,712	481,031	481,031

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1954 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	1,148	1,048	939	867	\$54,060	\$42,890	\$37,872	\$29,592	\$54,825	\$43,712	\$39,000	\$29,906
February.....	1,146	1,024	877	926	65,406	49,189	42,056	47,774	66,200	49,436	42,194	47,909
March.....	1,336	1,170	1,038	1,102	55,833	42,622	41,209	37,280	56,175	43,843	41,289	37,746
April.....	1,175	985	903	915	57,103	41,871	35,968	42,512	57,347	42,666	36,299	43,160
May.....	1,200	1,164	955	943	52,552	59,901	34,714	38,494	54,925	60,334	34,840	39,068
June.....	1,105	914	965	965	43,013	36,667	41,613	41,613	43,293	37,171	41,615	37,171
July.....	1,018	861	856	856	48,689	32,543	32,230	32,230	48,713	32,706	32,725	32,725
August.....	1,101	888	912	912	55,040	36,028	32,582	32,582	55,363	36,425	32,712	32,712
September.....	932	822	819	819	39,313	33,120	36,381	36,381	39,820	33,348	37,757	37,757
October.....	1,158	919	919	919	50,004	34,777	29,000	29,000	50,343	34,777	29,308	29,308
November.....	999	945	933	933	39,886	42,783	35,067	35,067	40,285	43,073	36,780	36,780
December.....	982	908	917	917	50,279	41,643	40,103	40,103	50,358	42,008	40,925	40,925
Total.....	12,686	10,969	11,086	11,086	\$562,697	\$449,380	\$462,628	\$462,628	\$568,166	\$453,130	\$469,611	\$469,611

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES 1947-49=100

Groups:	MAY 1957	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	MAY 1956
ALL COMMODITIES.....	117.1	117.2	116.9	114.4
Farm Products.....	89.5	90.6	88.8	90.9
Processed Foods.....	105.0	104.3	103.7	102.4
ALL COMMODITIES OTHER THAN Farm Products and Foods.....	125.3	125.4	125.4	121.7
Textile Products and Apparel.....	95.4	95.3	95.4	94.9
Hides, Skins, and Leather Products.....	99.1	98.8	98.4	100.0
Fuel, Power and Lighting Materials.....	119.1	119.5	119.2	110.8
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	109.1	109.1	108.8	106.9
Rubber and Rubber Products.....	144.7	144.5	144.3	143.5
Lumber and Wood Products.....	119.7	120.2	120.1	128.0
Paper, Pulp and Allied Products.....	128.9	128.6	128.7	127.3
Metals and Metal Products.....	150.0	150.1	151.6	146.8
Machinery and Motive Products.....	145.0	145.0	144.8	136.5
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	121.5	121.5	121.9	118.0
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	135.1	134.6	133.2	128.6
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottled Beverages.....	124.5	124.5	124.1	121.6
Miscellaneous Products.....	89.4	91.4	92.0	96.1

United States Consumer Price Index: (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1947-49=100

Groups:	MAY 1957	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	MAY 1956
ALL ITEMS.....	119.6	119.3	118.9	115.4
Food.....	114.6	113.8	113.2	111.0
Housing.....	125.3	125.2	124.9	120.9
Apparel.....	106.5	106.5	106.8	104.8
Transportation.....	135.3	135.5	135.1	127.1
Medical Care.....	137.3	136.9	136.4	131.9
Personal Care.....	123.4	123.3	122.9	119.6
Reading and Recreation.....	111.4	111.8	110.5	108.2
Other Goods and Services.....	124.3	124.2	124.2	121.5

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1955 to Date

1957	1956	1955
Jan. 1..... \$6.13	Jan. 3..... \$5.95	Jan. 4..... \$6.75
Jan. 8..... 6.10	Jan. 10..... 5.92	Jan. 11..... 6.81
Jan. 15..... 6.13	Jan. 17..... 5.86	Jan. 18..... 6.84
Jan. 22..... 6.14	Jan. 24..... 5.89	Jan. 25..... 6.88
Jan. 29..... 6.16	Jan. 31..... 5.95	Feb. 1..... 6.85
Feb. 5..... 6.13	Feb. 7..... 5.90	Feb. 8..... 6.77
Feb. 12..... 6.13	Feb. 14..... 5.94	Feb. 15..... 6.69
Feb. 19..... 6.12	Feb. 21..... 5.93	Feb. 22..... 6.65
Feb. 26..... 6.11	Feb. 28..... 5.95	Mar. 1..... 6.63
Mar. 5..... 6.09	Mar. 6..... 5.94	Mar. 8..... 6.55
Mar. 12..... 6.12	Mar. 13..... 5.96	Mar. 15..... 6.53
Mar. 19..... 6.20	Mar. 20..... 5.93	Mar. 22..... 6.55
Mar. 26..... 6.22	Mar. 27..... 5.89	Mar. 29..... 6.52
Apr. 2..... 6.17	Apr. 3..... 5.96	Apr. 5..... 6.49
Apr. 9..... 6.19	Apr. 10..... 5.96	Apr. 12..... 6.54
Apr. 16..... 6.19	Apr. 17..... 6.01	Apr. 19..... 6.52
Apr. 23..... 6.11	Apr. 24..... 6.04	Apr. 26..... 6.42
Apr. 30..... 6.12	May 1..... 6.04	May 3..... 6.38
May 7..... 6.09	May 8..... 6.03	May 10..... 6.39
May 14..... 6.08	May 15..... 6.14	May 17..... 6.42
May 21..... 6.09	May 22..... 6.11	May 24..... 6.34
May 28..... 6.11	May 29..... 6.11	May 31..... 6.33
June 4..... 6.20	June 5..... 6.18	June 7..... 6.39
June 11..... 6.22	June 12..... 6.14	June 14..... 6.51
June 18..... 6.20	June 19..... 6.09	June 21..... 6.49
June 25..... 6.20	June 26..... 6.03	June 28..... 6.42
July 2..... 6.11	July 3..... 6.05	July 5..... 6.33
July 9..... 6.06	July 10..... 6.06	July 12..... 6.26
July 16..... 6.01	July 17..... 6.01	July 19..... 6.17
July 23..... 6.08	July 24..... 6.08	July 26..... 6.17
July 30..... 6.08	July 31..... 6.08	Aug. 2..... 6.21
Aug. 6..... 6.10	Aug. 7..... 6.10	Aug. 9..... 6.24
Aug. 13..... 6.08	Aug. 14..... 6.08	Aug. 16..... 6.23
Aug. 20..... 6.09	Aug. 21..... 6.09	Aug. 23..... 6.21
Aug. 27..... 6.04	Aug. 28..... 6.04	Aug. 30..... 6.15
Sept. 3..... 6.05	Sept. 4..... 6.05	Sept. 6..... 6.19
Sept. 10..... 6.07	Sept. 11..... 6.07	Sept. 13..... 6.26
Sept. 17..... 6.06	Sept. 18..... 6.06	Sept. 20..... 6.25
Sept. 24..... 6.08	Sept. 25..... 6.08	Sept. 27..... 6.28
Oct. 1..... 6.00	Oct. 2..... 6.00	Oct. 4..... 6.17
Oct. 8..... 5.97	Oct. 9..... 5.97	Oct. 11..... 6.11
Oct. 15..... 6.01	Oct. 16..... 6.01	Oct. 18..... 6.08
Oct. 22..... 5.97	Oct. 23..... 5.97	Oct. 25..... 6.05
Oct. 29..... 5.96	Oct. 30..... 5.96	Nov. 1..... 6.02
Nov. 5..... 5.95	Nov. 6..... 5.95	Nov. 8..... 6.00
Nov. 12..... 6.01	Nov. 13..... 6.01	Nov. 15..... 6.04
Nov. 19..... 6.10	Nov. 20..... 6.10	Nov. 22..... 6.02
Nov. 26..... 6.16	Nov. 27..... 6.16	Nov. 29..... 5.99
Dec. 3..... 6.14	Dec. 4..... 6.14	Dec. 6..... 5.99
Dec. 10..... 6.18	Dec. 11..... 6.18	Dec. 13..... 5.96
Dec. 17..... 6.15	Dec. 18..... 6.15	Dec. 20..... 5.96
Dec. 24..... 6.12	Dec. 25..... 6.12	Dec. 27..... 5.97
Average.....	Average..... \$6.03	Average..... \$6.34

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

BASE YEAR	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	APR. 1956
U. S. (B.L.S.).....1947-49	117.2	116.9	117.0	116.9	113.6
Canada.....1935-39	228.4	228.4	228.4	229.4	224.6
	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	MAR. 1956
Austria.....1953	113.0	113.0	113.0	113.0	109.0
Denmark.....1953	107.0	109.0	110.0	110.0	107.0
Finland.....1953	109.0	109.0	109.0	107.0	102.0
France.....1953	104.0	104.0	106.0	104.0	101.0
India.....1953	100.0	.....	.....	.....	93.0
Japan.....1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	99.0
Mexico.....1953	132.0	131.0	131.0	130.0	131.0
Norway.....1953	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	106.0
Sweden.....1953	109.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	109.0
Switzerland.....1953	106.0	105.0	105.0	106.0	102.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.).....1953	109.0	109.0	110.0	111.0	107.0
	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	FEB. 1956
Belgium.....1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	104.0
Brazil.....1953	.....	.....	191.0	189.0	159.0
Costa Rica.....1953	109.0	109.0	108.0	109.0	108.0
Cuba.....1953	.....	.....	97.0	96.0	95.0
Dominican Republic.....1953	.....	.....	100.0	93.0	92.0
Germany.....1953	105.0	105.0	105.0	104.0	102.0
Greece.....1953	131.0	131.0	131.0	132.0	126.0
Guatemala.....1953	.....	100.0	98.0	99.0	100.0
Israel.....1953	.....	137.0	134.0	132.0	126.0
Italy.....1953	101.0	103.0	102.0	102.0	103.0
Lebanon.....1953	100.0	98.0	97.0	98.0	99.0
Morocco.....1953	.....	102.0	102.0	101.0	97.0
Netherlands.....1953	.....	108.0	107.0	107.0	104.0
Peru.....1953	.....	131.0	130.0	128.0	125.0
Philippines.....1953	.....	98.0	98.0	97.0	93.0
Portugal.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0	98.0
Spain.....1953	.....	125.0	124.0	119.0	110.0
Turkey.....1953	.....	149.0	149.0	142.0	135.0
Union South Africa.....1953	107.0	107.0	107.0	106.0	106.0
Venezuela.....1953	100.0	101.0	101.0	102.0

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

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	JUNE 1957	MAY 1957	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957
1.....	285.07	287.67	290.66	294.89	294.89
2.....	285.25	287.68	287.68	287.68	287.68
3.....	286.59	287.76	287.76	287.76	287.76
4.....	286.80	287.91	287.91	287.91	287.91
5.....	287.37	288.99	288.99	288.99	288.99
6.....	286.98	285.68	285.68	285.68	285.68
7.....	288.25	285.48	285.48	285.48	285.48
8.....	285.84	287.33	287.33	287.33	287.33
9.....	285.83	287.45	287.45	287.45	287.45
10.....	289.10	286.32	286.32	286.32	286.32
11.....	289.16	287.63	287.63	287.63	287.63
12.....	289.32	287.97	287.97	287.97	287.97
13.....	289.27	286.27	286.27	286.27	286.27
14.....	291.48	286.08	286.08	286.08	286.08
15.....	286.18	286.64	286.64	286.64	286.64
16.....	285.71	286.84	286.84	286.84	286.84
17.....	291.30	287.22	287.22	287.22	287.22
18.....	291.27	287.03	287.03	287.03	287.03
19.....	291.33	287.03	287.03	287.03	287.03
20.....	290.56	287.33	287.33	287.33	287.33
21.....	291.62	286.86	286.86	286.86	286.86
22.....	286.58	286.98	286.98	286.98	286.98
23.....	286.75	286.56	286.56	286.56	286.56
24.....	291.74	286.41	286.41	286.41	286.41
25.....	291.85	285.87	285.87	285.87	285.87
26.....	286.02	286.02	286.02	286.02	286.02
27.....	285.92	286.19	286.19	286.19	286.19
28.....	286.41	286.77	286.77	286.77	286.77
29.....	286.97	285.62	285.62	285.62	285.62
30.....	285.10	285.10	285.10	285.10	285.10
31.....	287.20	287.20	287.20	287.20	287.20
	(*) Holiday	(†) Sunday			
	High	Low			
1957.....	300.82	Jan. 15	285.07	May 1	
1956.....	301.71	Nov. 30	278.79	Jan. 17	
1955.....	280.78	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3	
1954.....	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30	

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

May 1957 and 1956

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APRIL 1957	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APRIL 1957
New England:						
Boston, Mass.....	\$5,765,300	\$2,799,475	\$1,554,000	\$460,688	\$255,975	\$373,620
Bridgeport, Conn.....	872,895	1,106,430	920,465	3,719,040	7,906,676	9,655,330
Bristol, Conn.....	544,918	629,121	342,284	495,205	520,816	459,710
Brockton, Mass.....	927,150	846,915	292,305	9,975,348	3,507,325	5,759,928
Cambridge, Mass.....	533,549	2,318,524	983,185	195,817	188,129	169,271
Chelsea, Mass.....	83,205	31,145	9,105	799,767	6,585,771	1,403,808
Everett, Mass.....	98,720	125,304	112,792	1,091,674	1,180,439	1,392,225
Fall River, Mass.....	62,211	819,123	219,090	835,140	2,382,955	1,142,448
Fitchburg, Mass.....	384,205	176,810	495,172	243,995	529,750	658,767
Greenwich, Conn.....	1,067,925	1,980,223	1,213,985	1,189,130	1,467,941	1,325,258
Hartford, Conn.....	1,913,405	358,776	1,465,142	668,683	405,825	1,064,660
Haverhill, Mass.....	274,625	315,595	327,575	326,811	826,365	390,901
Holyoke, Mass.....	385,450	355,450	208,875	9,397,950	3,597,096	5,490,103
Lawrence, Mass.....	263,655	283,706	142,204	1,974,411	2,916,918	2,176,937
Lowell, Mass.....	356,910	495,855	424,190	795,985	9,191,709	609,515
Lynn, Mass.....	503,150	488,200	323,945	2,533,089	1,964,678	1,617,637
Manchester, N. H.....	889,532	1,094,962	1,011,731	936,712	1,272,598	795,075
Medford, Mass.....	122,285	64,440	683,275	369,535	523,074	227,550
New Bedford, Mass....	325,175	419,618	394,355	3,944,486	3,472,625	4,341,113
New Britain, Conn.....	979,700	489,125	558,375	5,300,217	6,504,669	9,098,532
New Haven, Conn.....	1,227,297	829,475	610,398	2,305,826	2,188,249	3,275,120
Newton, Mass.....	462,440	588,784	507,750			
Norwalk, Conn.....	993,296	2,683,425	766,900			
Portland, Me.....	841,530	570,180	481,170			
Providence, R. I.....	922,900	609,450	567,100			
Quincy, Mass.....	460,199	534,749	189,514			
Salem, Mass.....	344,509	195,657	248,750			
Somerville, Mass.....	97,841	80,655	94,615			
Springfield, Mass.....	1,116,806	1,028,775	1,614,939			
Stamford, Conn.....	1,674,759	1,517,850	1,500,000			
Waterbury, Conn.....	1,932,325	968,829	365,575			
West Hartford, Conn....	1,375,750	1,428,067	1,030,682			
Worcester, Mass.....	1,124,660	696,430	3,628,133			
Total New England...	\$28,928,277	\$26,774,123	\$23,288,176			
Middle Atlantic:						
Manhattan.....*	\$26,139,877	\$31,639,000	\$8,995,000			
Manhattan.....†	9,313,190	4,458,455	3,924,695			
Bronx.....*	2,256,200	4,511,720	3,544,000			
Bronx.....†	747,750	301,655	252,705			
Brooklyn.....*	10,807,100	13,197,800	42,606,952			
Brooklyn.....†	1,746,215	2,208,595	8,320,675			
Queens.....*	10,689,481	9,368,749	10,854,100			
Queens.....†	604,910	1,701,252	2,574,085			
Richmond.....*	1,248,400	2,506,700	1,438,400			
Richmond.....†	79,595	1,055,425	946,675			
Total N. Y. City....	\$63,632,718	\$70,889,351	\$83,437,287			
(*) New York.	(†) Alterations.					
Albany, N. Y.....	\$908,996	\$1,584,056	\$1,773,017			
Allentown, Pa.....	574,170	2,763,770	985,820			
Allentown, Pa.....	1,783,599	268,488	268,182			
Atlantic City, N. J.....	193,176	61,143	162,157			
Auburn, N. Y.....	221,740	538,452	203,000			
Bayonne, N. J.....	489,875	205,818	104,670			
Binghamton, N. Y.....	722,051	511,683	363,504			
Buffalo, N. Y.....	4,470,315	1,707,608	725,044			
Camden, N. J.....	230,775	2,401,386	224,596			
East Orange, N. J.....	242,099	138,441	1,953,928			
Elizabeth, N. J.....	297,550	1,014,134	303,345			
Elmira, N. Y.....	149,052	103,957	246,215			
Erie, Pa.....	3,002,270	2,938,495	1,507,005			
Harrisburg, Pa.....	443,226	338,890	507,505			
Jamestown, N. Y.....	400,037	349,682	152,830			
Jersey City, N. J.....	415,113	589,212	287,555			
Lancaster, Pa.....	229,944	236,069	368,969			
Mount Vernon, N. Y....	195,591	192,292	468,928			
Newark, N. J.....	1,039,658	1,212,125	3,634,835			
New Brunswick, N. J....	2,683,000	163,000	97,450			
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	709,090	639,925	561,460			
Niagara Falls, N. Y....	857,186	765,747	469,735			
Philadelphia, Pa.....	8,111,310	13,231,400	13,537,200			
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	2,677,102	2,620,642	7,222,707			
Poughkeepsie, N. Y....	111,250	1,65,636	144,900			
Reading, Pa.....	599,149	2,143,491	1,152,730			
Rochester, N. Y.....	833,799	1,160,845	2,328,079			
Schenectady, N. Y.....	425,355	761,684	241,573			
Scranton, Pa.....	1,201,549	332,617	447,521			
Syracuse, N. Y.....	1,258,625	1,786,918	1,443,079			
Troy, N. Y.....	365,551	135,480	98,205			
Utica, N. Y.....	117,400	270,750	1,948,372			
Watertown, N. Y.....	150,085	289,867	186,175			
White Plains, N. Y.....	776,330	1,543,684	2,416,390			
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	200,971	94,352	111,339			
Williamsport, Pa.....	166,955	213,902	98,304			
Wilmington, Del.....	248,715	985,524	327,615			
Yonkers, N. Y.....	6,081,555	3,061,075	1,874,765			
York, Pa.....	1,410,309	154,460	191,548			
Total Middle Atl....	\$109,067,241	\$118,566,051	\$131,698,857			
South Atlantic:						
Asheville, N. C.....	\$460,688	\$255,975	\$373,620			
Atlanta, Ga.....	3,719,040	7,906,676	9,655,330			
Augusta, Ga.....	495,205	520,816	459,710			
Baltimore, Md.....	9,975,348	3,507,325	5,759,928			
Charleston, S. C.....	195,817	188,129	169,271			
Charlotte, N. C.....	799,767	6,585,771	1,403,808			
Coral Gables, Fla.....	1,091,674	1,180,439	1,392,225			
Greensboro, N. C.....	835,140	2,382,955	1,142,448			
Greenville, S. C.....	243,995	529,750	658,767			
Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,189,130	1,467,941	1,325,258			
Lynchburg, Va.....	668,683	405,825	1,064,660			
Macon, Ga.....	326,811	826,365	390,901			
Miami, Fla.....	9,397,950	3,597,096	5,490,103			
Miami Beach, Fla.....	1,974,411	2,916,918	2,176,937			
Norfolk, Va.....	795,985	9,191,709	609,515			
Richmond, Va.....	2,533,089	1,964,678	1,617,637			
Roanoke, Va.....	936,712	1,272,598	795,075			
Savannah, Ga.....	369,535	523,074	227,550			
Tampa, Fla.....	3,944,486	3,472,625	4,341,113			
Washington, D. C.....	5,300,217	6,504,669	9,098,532			
Winston Salem, N. C..	2,305,826	2,188,249	3,275,120			
Total So. Atlantic...	\$47,561,873	\$57,389,673	\$51,427,308			
East Central:						
Akron, Ohio.....	\$3,382,002	\$4,096,009	\$5,175,636			
Bay City, Mich.....	352,594	1,102,709	270,981			
Berwyn, Ill.....	572,113	314,641	260,745			
Bluefield, W. Va.....	56,000	178,457	361,000			
Canton, Ohio.....	846,579	839,030	436,964			
Chicago, Ill.....	29,674,476	28,674,742	27,548,957			
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	12,238,480	3,782,760	9,090,325			
Clarksburg, W. Va.....	220,940	157,945	166,075			
Cleveland, Ohio.....	5,857,000	11,156,800	8,543,200			
Columbus, Ohio.....	11,874,250	9,360,975	9,354,975			
Dayton, Ohio.....	1,941,875	1,979,480	1,306,630			
Detroit, Mich.....	11,858,206	12,314,313	11,457,444			
East St. Louis, Ill.....	253,000	1,110,550	223,000			
Evanston, Ill.....	1,452,339	3,479,235	1,079,125			
Evansville, Ind.....	377,445	936,695	217,428			
Flint, Mich.....	1,680,475	2,116,880	2,039,690			
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1,528,734	1,799,056	645,028			
Gary, Ind.....	1,455,422	3,628,173	1,965,654			
Grand Rapids, Mich....	791,565	420,240	358,375			
Green Bay, Wisc.....	690,700	926,522	706,581			
Hammond, Ind.....	490,049	1,696,174	1,196,899			
Huntington, W. Va.....	643,035	574,160	601,082			
Indianapolis, Ind.....	3,895,535	9,510,934	2,211,174			
Lansing, Mich.....	782,234	1,363,834	835,045			
Lima, Ohio.....	254,760	753,475	187,075			
Louisville, Ky.....	1,977,864	3,085,202	3,063,614			
Madison, Wisc.....	1,367,925	982,210	2,623,960			
Milwaukee, Wisc.....	9,922,901	16,964,448	8,413,740			
Newark, Ohio.....	384,631	290,775	903,721			
Oak Park, Ill.....	593,610	1,179,220	2,521,104			
Peoria, Ill.....	905,801	508,760	3,445,484			
Pontiac, Mich.....	445,010	614,015	481,724			
Quincy, Ill.....	312,249	285,717	876,707			
Racine, Wisc.....	1,329,601	1,269,007	1,062,355			
Rockford, Ill.....	1,627,680	4,006,060	1,469,750			
Saginaw, Mich.....	583,906	1,719,041	942,998			
South Bend, Ind.....	1,561,801	1,070,186	916,213			
Springfield, Ill.....	474,236	1,945,074	418,214			
Springfield, Ohio.....	295,915	495,000	521,965			
Superior, Wisc.....	257,590	413,374	247,207			
Terre Haute, Ind.....	142,015	329,630	216,000			
Toledo, Ohio.....	1,530,230	1,913,270	1,733,180			
Waukegan, Ill.....	446,067	2,098,324	1,222,613			
Wheeling, W. Va.....	757,096	875,500	485,930			
Youngstown, Ohio.....	1,798,106	1,931,277	1,648,875			
Zanesville, Ohio.....	158,265	128,950	93,616			
Total East Central..	\$120,042,300	\$144,388,829	\$114,149,048			
South Central:						
Abilene, Texas.....	\$1,616,100	\$2,004,728	\$2,167,538			
Amarillo, Texas.....	2,116,624	1,742,070	1,677,493			
Austin, Texas.....	3,132,457	3,151,600	4,423,863			
Beaumont, Texas.....</						

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

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	MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APRIL 1957		MAY 1957	MAY 1956	APRIL 1957
So. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountain:			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$889,166	\$1,099,223	\$1,262,950	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$2,935,180	\$2,081,072	\$2,328,434
Muskogee, Okla.....	239,440	225,200	243,050	Billings, Mont.....	252,000	756,900	685,100
Nashville, Tenn.....	1,019,356	2,223,058	822,703	Boise, Idaho.....	506,527	487,756	399,698
New Orleans, La.....	7,869,926	13,063,376	4,621,104	Butte, Mont.....	506,657	155,243	70,035
Oklahoma City, Okla...	2,580,750	5,406,667	2,522,629	Colorado Springs, Col.	1,163,662	1,135,709	679,790
Port Arthur, Texas...	684,709	405,704	916,420	Denver, Col.....	6,375,334	8,061,196	8,671,570
San Angelo, Texas...	1,731,442	553,977	415,038	Great Falls, Mont...	449,217	948,039	1,082,007
San Antonio, Texas...	6,234,308	3,601,328	3,657,807	Ogden, Utah.....	496,800	1,256,800	580,000
Shreveport, La.....	1,648,464	1,611,548	1,997,961	Phoenix, Ariz.....	2,478,222	2,360,545	2,212,142
Tulsa, Okla.....	1,535,540	2,446,254	2,331,160	Pueblo, Col.....	1,903,560	1,354,725	579,947
Waco, Texas.....	1,439,806	1,120,419	816,594	Salt Lake City, Utah...	2,157,839	1,654,894	1,418,566
Wichita Falls, Texas...	782,324	1,139,100	2,891,907	Tucson, Ariz.....	1,070,613	2,292,668	1,619,672
Total So. Central...	\$84,473,659	\$90,481,087	\$82,445,303	Total Mountain.....	\$20,289,611	\$22,545,547	\$20,335,961
West Central:				Pacific:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$774,761	\$1,709,796	\$940,739	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$309,571	\$770,239	\$710,925
Davenport, Iowa.....	1,335,961	1,362,969	645,102	Berkeley, Cal.....	901,077	1,054,330	654,891
Des Moines, Iowa.....	1,720,372	2,320,026	2,723,785	Beverly Hills, Cal...	840,392	1,210,862	1,581,453
Dubuque, Iowa.....	589,668	634,228	409,361	Fresno, Cal.....	5,872,435	1,430,825	1,089,452
Duluth, Minn.....	1,452,593	2,832,419	2,485,091	Glendale, Cal.....	1,460,082	1,407,593	1,475,284
Fargo, N. D.....	570,900	743,970	930,065	Long Beach, Cal....	3,509,875	4,085,959	8,859,808
Kansas City, Kas....	357,385	345,848	530,375	Los Angeles, Cal....	52,076,683	38,230,934	57,005,189
Kansas City, Mo....	2,332,000	4,688,000	4,832,000	Oakland, Cal.....	3,386,717	2,505,225	2,979,426
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,688,480	1,221,505	1,301,124	Pasadena, Cal.....	5,808,222	1,320,343	2,237,891
Minneapolis, Minn...	9,472,791	3,461,196	6,977,064	Portland, Ore.....	2,803,115	4,173,515	4,058,400
Omaha, Neb.....	186,175	3,461,196	2,485,091	Sacramento, Cal....	2,145,246	1,592,421	1,592,421
St. Joseph, Mo.....	2,447,503	3,515,425	10,679,299	San Diego, Cal.....	7,549,243	7,549,243	15,016,106
St. Louis, Mo.....	2,355,697	5,263,735	4,580,450	San Francisco, Cal...	5,109,838	8,004,242	11,654,325
St. Paul, Minn.....	301,976	679,400	3,841,011	San Jose, Cal.....	4,889,575	5,611,155	9,147,945
Sioux City, Iowa...	1,206,855	1,565,766	393,095	Seattle, Wash.....	6,897,879	5,070,025	5,462,250
Sioux Falls, S. D....	1,472,687	649,119	729,941	Spokane, Wash.....	2,635,309	5,565,432	2,172,016
Topeka, Kas.....	2,711,682	2,755,659	1,097,770	Stockton, Cal.....	3,157,041	1,790,069	1,121,416
Wichita, Kas.....			2,675,929	Tacoma, Wash.....	2,138,323	2,080,111	1,360,975
Total West Central...	\$35,294,927	\$39,352,525	\$36,470,442	Total Pacific.....	\$114,620,679	\$96,616,199	\$128,291,173
				Total 217 Cities....	\$560,278,567	\$596,114,034	\$588,106,268

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	5 MONTHS 1957	5 MONTHS 1956	5 MONTHS 1955		5 MONTHS 1957	5 MONTHS 1956	5 MONTHS 1955
New England:				Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Boston, Mass.....	\$13,124,100	\$20,935,041	\$17,209,269	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$833,060	\$1,143,511	\$613,445
Bridgewater, Conn...	4,870,260	4,266,660	4,626,151	Bayonne, N. J.....	2,529,267	1,451,261	1,312,207
Bristol, Conn.....	1,450,072	2,092,535	2,036,990	Binghamton, N. Y...	1,398,811	1,227,799	1,227,799
Brockton, Mass.....	2,788,555	6,319,983	3,004,513	Buffalo, N. Y.....	8,921,653	6,057,702	8,152,508
Cambridge, Mass...	3,371,609	3,662,337	3,199,990	Camden, N. J.....	1,353,355	3,225,572	1,180,455
Chelsea, Mass.....	192,465	202,174	184,175	East Orange, N. J...	2,760,447	3,691,398	1,371,287
Everett, Mass.....	2,724,734	335,193	2,396,048	Elizabeth, N. J....	1,839,508	2,161,328	1,257,925
Fall River, Mass...	660,421	1,335,078	950,323	Elmira, N. Y.....	963,285	537,237	781,295
Fitchburg, Mass...	1,423,022	420,320	770,600	Erie, Pa.....	11,178,728	5,472,305	5,326,135
Greenwich, Conn...	4,970,799	6,464,420	5,940,728	Harrisburg, Pa....	3,030,531	2,973,799	3,603,105
Hartford, Conn.....	12,405,949	2,408,950	24,091,747	Jamestown, N. Y...	1,382,489	1,305,759	3,350,630
Haverhill, Mass...	2,219,055	463,345	1,084,580	Jersey City, N. J...	8,784,352	2,785,828	3,663,049
Holyoke, Mass.....	1,710,900	1,038,900	1,166,335	Lancaster, Pa.....	644,789	1,010,128	1,309,523
Leicester, Mass...	687,059	1,265,719	993,688	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	1,083,801	2,517,044	2,876,795
Lowell, Mass.....	1,180,085	1,856,730	981,600	Newark, N. J.....	7,481,853	14,481,912	1,124,449
Lynn, Mass.....	1,491,845	1,521,324	1,324,339	New Brunswick, N. J.	3,369,335	1,657,645	4,467,458
Manchester, N. H....	2,850,850	3,024,696	4,010,690	New Rochelle, N. Y.	2,045,130	3,332,443	11,270,238
Medford, Mass.....	1,421,405	560,450	1,002,435	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	4,065,346	3,476,691	3,395,924
New Bedford, Mass...	1,080,371	2,696,084	978,412	Philadelphia, Pa....	42,420,960	53,645,260	58,041,080
New Britain, Conn...	2,430,525	1,190,175	2,376,000	Pittsburgh, Pa....	22,960,362	12,921,273	22,499,278
New Haven, Conn...	9,939,685	3,282,603	4,654,163	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	401,650	1,922,951	2,075,413
Newton, Mass.....	3,673,225	1,953,099	3,564,690	Reading, Pa.....	2,908,258	3,462,553	2,392,596
Norwalk, Conn.....	3,901,012	6,322,009	6,249,093	Rochester, N. Y...	6,203,339	4,442,994	8,099,114
Portland, Me.....	2,149,631	3,056,728	2,083,588	Schenectady, N. Y...	2,533,816	2,101,517	1,761,658
Providence, R. I....	2,761,100	2,666,400	3,409,000	Scranton, Pa.....	2,852,016	1,419,985	1,654,433
Quincy, Mass.....	1,894,604	1,898,709	1,836,466	Syracuse, N. Y....	7,790,256	6,893,758	7,820,625
Salem, Mass.....	1,997,458	2,444,775	1,167,825	Troy, N. Y.....	730,683	604,430	611,670
Somerville, Mass...	473,118	342,971	381,035	Union, N. Y.....	2,153,575	1,462,800	1,236,375
Springfield, Mass...	4,435,335	7,648,529	6,906,716	Watertown, N. Y...	739,541	567,858	747,769
Stamford, Conn...	12,527,707	6,401,913	9,440,243	White Plains, N. Y.	6,446,319	7,114,452	1,927,729
Waterbury, Conn...	3,423,400	3,061,059	3,486,284	Wilkes Barre, Pa...	539,310	602,792	1,031,240
West Hartford, Conn.	4,807,009	6,142,254	5,002,247	Williamsport, Pa...	853,981	869,026	692,445
Worcester, Mass...	8,478,893	2,743,550	3,206,949	Wilmington, Del...	3,831,847	3,142,363	3,502,861
Total New England...	\$124,116,908	\$113,725,313	\$129,717,712	Yonkers, N. Y.....	10,711,863	8,793,758	7,178,425
				York, Pa.....	2,400,186	1,955,237	802,659
Middle Atlantic:				Total Middle Atl....	\$526,907,612	\$494,273,638	\$470,522,772
South Atlantic:				South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.....	\$1,669,604	\$2,907,706	\$1,313,738	Asheville, Ga.....	\$2,861,868	\$2,736,475	\$3,089,578
Atlanta, Ga.....	25,325,095	18,480,540	17,064,940	Augusta, Ga.....	2,086,101	1,996,595	3,073,329
Birmingham, Ala...	16,006,150	28,848,720	23,956,342	Baltimore, Md.....	43,336,366	27,268,663	52,315,058
Birmingham, Ala...	3,765,730	2,733,040	2,812,372	Charleston, S. C...	1,082,515	933,171	1,282,615
Brooklyn, N.Y.....	71,580,302	35,583,750	43,475,930	Charlotte, N. C...	6,166,184	14,895,362	13,570,975
Brooklyn, N.Y.....	16,348,275	11,179,460	59,824,458	Coral Gables, Fla...	5,367,936	5,048,339	6,700,412
Queens, N.Y.....	67,579,441	55,719,432	5,229,362	Greensboro, N. C...	6,866,070	7,354,011	4,627,424
Queens, N.Y.....	6,140,970	7,112,067	5,160,230	Greenville, S. C...	1,465,191	3,381,226	3,376,746
Richmond, Va.....	6,487,050	6,670,119	5,160,230	Jacksonville, Fla...	10,084,808	8,167,751	7,267,733
Richmond, Va.....	1,484,595	1,497,090	518,795	Lynchburg, Va.....	4,008,748	5,273,835	4,095,798
Total New York City...	\$335,571,379	\$307,763,916	\$272,410,920	Macon, Ga.....	1,720,828	2,378,847	1,122,125
(a) New York...				Miami, Fla.....	27,824,929	19,626,893	22,188,874
(b) Alterations...				Miami Beach, Fla...	15,577,624	6,707,996	12,200,913
Albany, N. Y.....	\$4,690,879	\$4,331,088	\$8,121,110	Norfolk, Va.....	3,669,531	13,754,518	5,664,726
Albany, N.Y.....	3,549,100	8,751,330	4,590,170				
Altoona, Pa.....	2,470,246	1,224,656	643,837				
Atlantic City, N. J.	783,457	2,863,665	763,938				

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	5 MONTHS 1957	5 MONTHS 1956	5 MONTHS 1955		5 MONTHS 1957	5 MONTHS 1956	5 MONTHS 1955
South Atl. (Cont.)				South Cent. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	\$10,448,388	\$13,903,113	\$9,445,765	Mobile, Ala.....	\$15,902,674	\$6,442,207	\$7,854,151
Roanoke, Va.....	3,829,748	11,719,255	5,087,353	Montgomery, Ala.....	4,304,593	6,156,074	6,678,624
Savannah, Ga.....	1,414,010	2,272,558	2,380,020	Muskogee, Okla.....	970,540	684,800	475,480
Tampa, Fla.....	20,390,713	22,469,902	22,304,481	Nashville, Tenn.....	3,240,701	6,088,404	5,214,301
Washington, D. C....	26,547,712	23,447,555	28,462,620	New Orleans, La.....	29,202,135	44,519,994	52,345,154
Winston Salem, N. C.	9,272,511	6,785,468	5,015,612	Oklahoma City, Okla.	13,250,859	16,981,703	22,379,182
Total South Atl.....	\$230,693,385	\$226,029,239	\$245,585,921	Port Arthur, Texas...	2,817,534	2,046,120	2,223,929
East Central:				San Antonio, Texas...	6,516,587	2,993,433	3,473,788
Akron, Ohio.....	\$16,650,993	\$18,660,680	\$13,684,015	San Antonio, Texas...	22,784,355	30,076,027	26,935,535
Bay City, Mich.....	1,773,414	2,606,303	2,123,173	Shreveport, La.....	8,269,841	11,860,150	16,272,693
Berwyn, Ills.....	1,711,558	1,550,120	2,864,854	Tulsa, Okla.....	8,017,971	8,651,764	10,881,082
Bluefield, W. Va....	545,800	384,702	733,809	Waco, Texas.....	5,504,754	7,016,688	7,016,688
Canton, Ohio.....	3,350,882	2,981,698	2,676,467	Wichita Falls, Texas...	6,416,869	4,314,000	5,573,407
Chicago, Ills.....	149,176,352	140,624,329	105,614,200	Total South Cent....	\$415,227,777	\$429,000,159	\$454,091,412
Cincinnati, Ohio....	35,635,280	21,376,555	16,512,850	West Central:			
Clarksburg, W. Va....	821,946	703,432	858,389	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$3,742,954	\$7,134,977	\$5,635,909
Cleveland, Ohio....	24,921,300	35,240,200	29,595,300	Davenport, Iowa....	3,605,720	5,290,145	5,589,274
Columbus, Ohio.....	28,107,370	21,031,080	15,866,940	Des Moines, Iowa....	7,625,295	8,808,027	13,926,108
Dayton, Ohio.....	6,708,860	8,496,659	14,078,723	Dubuque, Iowa.....	1,940,107	2,985,612	1,654,347
Detroit, Mich.....	48,055,900	44,897,139	55,641,160	Duluth, Minn.....	2,829,909	5,012,583	3,766,320
East St. Louis, Ills	886,452	2,978,450	1,310,887	Fargo, N. D.....	1,958,655	2,566,630	3,361,672
Evanston, Ills.....	8,384,619	7,195,797	5,903,439	Kansas City, Kas....	2,483,943	3,544,171	4,455,618
Evansville, Ind.....	1,079,473	2,485,257	2,026,437	Kansas City, Mo....	16,863,000	19,228,000	28,867,000
Flint, Mich.....	7,414,330	10,057,335	12,183,825	Lincoln, Neb.....	4,594,104	5,585,383	9,629,735
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	5,109,807	6,478,933	7,041,373	Minneapolis, Minn...	17,672,724	12,743,029	18,360,543
Gary, Ind.....	5,593,718	9,579,007	6,815,794	Omaha, Neb.....	17,970,589	13,675,616	9,829,462
Grand Rapids, Mich...	2,402,451	3,716,805	5,395,905	St. Joseph, Mo.....	1,495,525	1,992,650	3,352,345
Green Bay, Wis.....	3,877,541	5,046,145	8,712,917	St. Louis, Mo.....	14,102,839	15,249,381	24,862,959
Hammond, Ind.....	3,670,790	7,921,814	6,110,852	St. Paul, Minn.....	14,998,955	14,762,114	14,517,988
Huntington, W. Va....	1,928,171	2,105,094	1,021,226	Sioux City, Iowa....	1,887,207	2,409,125	1,843,425
Indianapolis, Ind....	20,455,758	19,910,580	18,565,259	Sioux Falls, S. D....	2,930,763	4,061,762	4,616,174
Lansing, Mich.....	3,087,665	5,069,693	8,041,098	Topeka, Kan.....	5,839,767	3,072,065	3,970,974
Lima, Ohio.....	816,185	2,051,133	1,150,650	Wichita, Kas.....	12,123,468	15,554,436	23,997,935
Louisville, Ky.....	8,767,036	15,960,934	9,721,722	Total West Central..	\$134,665,524	\$143,675,701	\$182,237,598
Madison, Wis.....	6,290,038	4,322,392	5,903,164	Mountain:			
Milwaukee, Wis.....	45,214,787	46,951,719	40,375,124	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$13,978,455	\$13,641,260	\$18,573,975
Newark, Ohio.....	2,402,057	1,485,065	2,092,170	Billings, Mont.....	1,965,400	2,795,850	3,633,600
Oak Park, Ills.....	5,652,252	1,978,828	1,830,793	Boise, Idaho.....	1,652,988	1,811,105	2,812,841
Peoria, Ills.....	5,675,688	4,328,518	4,554,320	Butte, Mont.....	1,273,813	440,813	419,561
Pontiac, Mich.....	2,215,511	3,106,288	3,782,661	Colorado Springs, Col.	4,827,314	7,157,265	9,263,576
Quincy, Ills.....	3,092,663	1,387,652	1,579,711	Denver, Col.....	30,040,804	42,284,649	44,972,200
Racine, Wis.....	4,770,815	5,880,524	5,911,023	Great Falls, Mont...	4,561,471	3,521,239	2,485,384
Rockford, Ills.....	5,581,495	10,086,790	8,427,785	Ogden, Utah.....	3,060,700	4,440,900	4,979,775
Saginaw, Mich.....	3,033,105	4,733,680	3,999,837	Phoenix, Ariz.....	10,626,876	9,897,444	7,637,428
South Bend, Ind....	6,654,767	4,677,926	6,570,224	Pueblo, Colo.....	5,318,422	4,265,548	5,218,158
Springfield, Ills...	1,545,822	6,095,443	2,025,950	Salt Lake City, U....	7,489,310	8,717,499	7,419,163
Springfield, Ohio...	2,359,134	1,166,185	1,773,250	Tucson, Ariz.....	8,858,465	8,014,322	5,015,589
Superior, Wis.....	1,090,596	1,520,173	312,016	Total Mountain.....	\$93,664,018	\$106,987,894	\$113,161,250
Terre Haute, Ind....	1,333,050	1,118,283	1,844,452	Pacific:			
Toledo, Ohio.....	6,037,650	7,709,930	8,610,454	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$3,505,619	\$6,331,904	\$4,796,979
Waukegan, Ills.....	3,045,879	6,950,955	2,551,769	Berkeley, Cal.....	4,510,465	3,613,246	4,187,787
Wheeling, W. Va....	4,197,319	2,077,811	5,679,140	Beverly Hills, Cal...	4,850,743	3,839,144	4,435,609
Youngstown, Ohio...	6,569,766	8,027,809	5,235,524	Fresno, Cal.....	10,613,910	7,661,527	14,529,255
Zanesville, Ohio....	465,071	421,085	224,129	Glendale, Cal.....	6,400,987	9,335,478	6,169,524
Total East Central..	\$508,161,116	\$523,336,930	\$461,535,916	Long Beach, Cal....	25,779,048	30,573,430	33,022,260
South Central:				Los Angeles, Cal....	229,513,885	186,307,790	172,751,746
Abilene, Texas.....	\$6,707,212	\$11,791,037	\$8,074,954	Oakland, Cal.....	15,350,557	14,300,591	11,894,270
Amarillo, Texas.....	12,932,691	8,773,263	11,677,263	Pasadena, Cal.....	12,537,993	8,444,352	8,110,076
Austin, Texas.....	18,116,020	22,226,589	18,330,816	Portland, Ore.....	17,121,430	19,683,000	20,311,115
Beaumont, Texas....	7,441,034	5,810,042	4,191,756	Sacramento, Cal....	9,240,397	18,543,444	12,092,107
Birmingham, Ala....	16,688,747	18,622,092	15,049,062	San Diego, Cal.....	55,987,393	37,244,131	35,908,947
Chattanooga, Tenn...	4,763,316	5,000,711	3,235,376	San Francisco, Cal...	32,574,158	30,585,656	23,307,363
Dallas, Texas.....	51,910,740	68,798,641	75,020,795	San Jose, Cal.....	24,645,634	22,696,414	15,000,514
El Paso, Texas.....	13,314,636	12,824,813	16,075,241	Seattle, Wash.....	28,107,601	29,339,340	32,975,165
Fort Smith, Ark....	2,511,220	2,180,824	1,826,052	Spokane, Wash.....	10,799,441	13,704,715	10,505,233
Fort Worth, Texas...	23,556,390	18,807,289	25,205,928	Stockton, Cal.....	10,628,710	6,059,727	4,503,756
Galveston, Texas...	1,250,366	2,385,167	1,263,722	Tacoma, Wash.....	8,593,291	7,027,699	6,442,170
Houston, Texas.....	96,851,356	68,100,341	70,529,654	Total Pacific.....	\$510,773,267	\$455,291,588	\$421,366,076
Jackson, Miss.....	6,927,405	7,208,367	6,516,166	Total 217 Cities....	\$2,544,209,607	\$2,492,320,462	\$2,478,218,657
Knoxville, Tenn....	4,233,796	5,503,199	4,368,086				
Little Rock, Ark....	5,166,416	3,991,459	5,650,343				
Memphis, Tenn.....	15,567,019	19,234,961	20,838,239				

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1955 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Jan....	\$417,388,126	\$431,357,658	\$406,628,525	\$50,783,539	\$61,735,949	\$49,423,105	\$366,604,587	\$369,621,709	\$357,205,420
Feb....	433,748,495	437,622,349	442,092,367	56,474,685	89,172,555	47,087,734	377,273,810	348,449,794	384,404,633
Mar....	544,688,151	503,133,253	542,997,090	81,243,150	52,512,472	59,577,583	463,445,001	450,620,781	483,419,516
Apr....	588,106,268	524,092,168	521,173,029	83,437,387	33,453,589	49,939,864	504,668,981	490,623,579	471,233,165
May....	560,278,567	596,114,034	565,327,637	63,632,718	70,889,351	65,782,634	496,645,849	525,224,683	499,545,003
June....	558,856,212	634,030,839	550,711	50,349,355	99,080,484	.....	508,505,857	534,950,355	514,950,355
July....	593,229,352	511,841,797	.....	95,455,909	51,383,412	.....	497,773,443	460,458,385	460,458,385
Aug....	615,258,760	555,829,122	.....	114,957,737	41,436,766	.....	500,301,003	514,392,356	514,392,356
Sept....	526,234,213	477,025,801	.....	96,679,762	58,177,460	.....	429,531,001	418,848,341	418,848,341
Oct....	535,226,128	487,392,751	.....	72,251,619	44,087,975	.....	462,973,509	443,304,776	443,304,776
Nov....	489,401,866	429,366,384	.....	74,795,675	55,764,815	.....	414,606,191	373,601,569	373,601,569
Dec....	386,355,828	349,091,618	.....	49,355,515	45,121,585	.....	337,000,313	303,970,033	303,970,033
Total..	\$6,196,884,821	\$5,922,796,969	.....	\$861,609,508	\$667,463,417	.....	\$5,335,275,313	\$5,255,333,552	\$5,255,333,552

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	MAY 1957	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	MAY 1956	1957	FIVE MONTHS 1956	1955	1954
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine.....	46	43	33	48	214	239	231	176
New Hampshire.....	35	38	45	38	188	209	190	170
Vermont.....	24	32	18	29	107	111	99	73
Massachusetts.....	403	371	354	387	1,867	1,740	1,675	1,493
Connecticut.....	186	201	193	200	967	1,044	999	766
Rhode Island.....	87	99	91	71	488	507	507	405
Total New England.....	781	784	734	773	3,831	3,850	3,701	3,083
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York.....	2,339	2,255	2,383	2,544	12,063	12,901	13,070	11,042
New Jersey.....	684	797	773	876	3,705	4,114	3,823	3,092
Pennsylvania.....	336	442	396	602	1,919	2,188	1,848	1,655
Total Middle Atlantic.....	3,359	3,494	3,552	4,022	17,687	19,203	18,741	15,789
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio.....	695	569	500	753	3,250	3,848	3,487	2,876
Indiana.....	159	158	178	205	923	1,014	940	735
Illinois.....	587	600	623	597	3,003	3,313	2,655	2,251
Michigan.....	309	331	333	376	1,528	2,119	2,012	1,683
Wisconsin.....	167	212	184	221	910	1,092	966	706
Total East North Central.....	1,917	1,870	1,818	2,152	9,614	11,386	10,060	8,251
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota.....	144	148	146	141	731	717	840	655
Iowa.....	64	70	61	58	302	368	330	230
Missouri.....	184	193	191	172	935	1,057	1,130	833
North Dakota.....	21	18	16	20	81	99	98	76
South Dakota.....	16	17	26	18	107	102	129	96
Nebraska.....	50	63	73	39	296	281	267	217
Kansas.....	46	67	70	58	320	364	500	324
Total West North Central.....	525	576	583	506	2,772	2,988	3,294	2,431
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland.....	287	277	288	229	1,300	1,159	1,209	922
Delaware.....	276	290	343	316	1,520	1,405	1,633	1,190
Virginia.....	152	151	160	227	729	1,052	949	689
West Virginia.....	47	75	59	54	327	329	285	309
North Carolina.....	130	149	173	155	873	811	776	589
South Carolina.....	76	82	96	96	386	468	351	297
Georgia.....	211	169	186	193	975	935	896	698
Florida.....	1,005	902	811	720	4,322	3,630	3,082	2,169
Total South Atlantic.....	2,184	2,095	2,103	1,990	10,432	9,789	9,081	6,866
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky.....	108	104	99	93	505	509	469	321
Tennessee.....	151	115	120	123	628	636	656	544
Alabama.....	90	101	86	89	484	506	456	298
Mississippi.....	53	49	54	74	276	278	267	207
Total East South Central.....	402	369	359	379	1,893	1,929	1,848	1,370
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas.....	60	76	64	50	312	330	246	166
Oklahoma.....	93	147	117	109	580	632	676	503
Louisiana.....	196	196	156	171	920	824	666	455
Texas.....	400	437	307	467	1,936	2,689	2,296	1,921
Total West South Central.....	749	856	644	797	3,748	4,475	3,884	3,045
MOUNTAIN								
Montana.....	38	40	26	44	173	156	159	139
Idaho.....	38	30	31	28	173	207	194	144
Wyoming.....	21	19	19	27	101	120	139	100
Colorado.....	182	172	166	184	835	783	958	541
New Mexico.....	44	41	36	47	193	196	205	139
Arizona.....	138	146	129	118	668	587	541	423
Utah.....	44	52	47	54	251	250	326	227
Nevada.....	111	91	88	92	446	442	676	382
Total Mountain.....	616	591	542	594	2,840	2,741	3,198	2,095
PACIFIC								
Washington.....	147	145	116	140	673	731	801	558
Oregon.....	84	98	102	104	482	499	544	330
California.....	1,222	1,200	1,262	1,685	6,085	6,714	6,600	4,324
Total Pacific.....	1,453	1,443	1,480	1,929	7,240	7,944	7,945	5,212
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	11,986	12,078	11,815	13,142	60,057	64,305	61,752	48,142

(a) Estimated.

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1947 to Date

	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	13,387	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112
February.....	10,791	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111
March.....	11,815	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247
April.....	12,078	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802
May.....	11,986	13,142	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179
June.....	.....	11,952	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922
July.....	.....	11,513	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041
August.....	.....	11,339	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055
September.....	.....	9,583	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561
October.....	.....	11,546	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609
November.....	.....	9,749	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873
December.....	.....	10,788	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126
Total.....	.....	140,775	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638

Failures by Divisions of Industry—May and 5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS			MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Mining & Manufacturing:												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous...	4	3	4	28	16	26	484	235	355	5,834	3,736	2,416
Food & Kindred Products.....	16	15	10	81	90	63	941	534	511	5,708	5,588	5,187
Textile Mill Products & Apparel...	44	59	35	226	277	207	2,296	5,486	1,547	15,112	19,171	10,286
Lumber & Lumber Products.....	38	47	32	189	178	131	3,365	2,543	1,089	11,489	11,810	5,801
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	14	15	8	57	47	48	758	793	190	2,605	2,107	2,243
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	3	9	5	26	22	21	196	8,533	583	2,270	10,715	1,547
Leather & Leather Products.....	6	11	9	32	42	38	365	1,063	404	3,923	2,712	2,057
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	8	4	3	29	14	21	412	37	70	1,509	2,364	1,154
Iron, Steel & Products.....	5	6	10	44	53	64	258	480	244	20,658	5,118	6,810
Machinery.....	29	29	23	117	133	123	2,687	5,055	4,016	13,160	16,174	21,328
Transportation Equipment.....	2	6	5	27	27	22	180	214	249	2,230	2,168	2,299
Miscellaneous.....	36	41	24	174	167	166	2,946	3,477	4,835	14,533	11,667	13,097
Total Mining & Manufacturing.....	205	245	168	1,030	1,066	930	14,888	28,450	14,093	98,441	93,330	74,225
Wholesale Trades:												
Food & Farm Products.....	28	21	21	128	115	128	1,097	1,031	895	8,900	4,214	5,407
Apparel.....	5	3	3	23	27	30	676	310	75	1,820	1,187	954
Dry Goods.....	3	3	3	13	17	18	205	40	97	440	340	694
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware....	14	18	7	63	76	56	724	813	657	3,151	4,685	3,136
Chemicals & Drugs.....	4	2	4	27	16	15	297	28	56	1,345	213	361
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment...	6	5	2	32	28	28	100	101	44	1,556	1,184	693
Miscellaneous.....	72	66	47	279	267	242	3,331	3,390	1,040	18,699	12,742	9,152
Total Wholesale Trade.....	132	118	87	565	546	517	6,430	5,713	2,864	35,911	24,665	20,396
Retail Trades:												
Food & Liquor.....	103	97	128	497	424	455	2,404	1,360	1,857	9,921	6,092	7,326
General Merchandise.....	24	20	10	134	118	82	766	482	908	6,593	5,516	2,878
Apparel & Accessories.....	94	138	69	525	540	388	1,969	2,288	1,186	10,545	10,704	7,306
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	96	59	67	468	339	359	3,404	2,164	1,665	17,117	10,813	10,680
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware....	42	31	27	204	153	136	912	1,211	978	6,169	4,959	3,794
Automotive Group.....	81	67	47	344	299	204	2,399	1,374	824	9,124	11,300	4,631
Eating & Drinking Places.....	100	98	88	535	463	435	2,091	2,486	2,095	13,597	9,812	9,359
Drug Stores.....	14	14	14	69	66	60	288	173	405	2,109	1,543	1,408
Miscellaneous.....	46	53	40	256	258	252	1,453	1,704	956	6,963	5,334	4,804
Total Retail Trade.....	600	575	499	3,032	2,656	2,371	15,686	13,242	10,874	82,138	66,073	52,186
Construction:												
General Building Contractors.....	65	54	43	355	268	174	4,485	5,792	1,958	26,806	20,976	18,634
Building Sub-Contractors.....	107	73	75	501	394	333	4,883	2,945	2,821	17,281	15,881	12,132
Other Contractors.....	9	5	3	59	40	28	1,452	140	106	5,359	2,120	1,705
Total Construction.....	181	132	121	915	702	535	10,820	8,877	4,885	49,446	38,977	32,471
Commercial Services:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation..	36	24	25	159	126	102	2,497	640	803	6,984	5,000	6,245
Miscellaneous Public Services.....	6	3	2	24	13	8	235	36	22	1,950	496	183
Hotels.....	8	9	6	25	26	18	1,203	1,754	475	3,181	3,887	2,375
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing.....	6	10	8	48	47	43	137	168	209	925	683	666
Laundries.....	2	6	3	18	19	25	39	8	37	1,223	451	754
Undertakers.....	1	..	..	3	2	2	53	..	..	69	10	74
Other Personal Services.....	4	7	3	28	35	30	48	85	10	376	387	296
Business & Repair Services.....	19	35	33	158	153	131	516	855	442	4,310	2,514	1,948
Total Commercial Service.....	82	94	80	463	421	359	4,728	3,619	1,998	19,018	13,428	12,541
Total UNITED STATES.....	1,200	1,164	955	6,005	5,391	4,712	52,552	59,901	34,714	284,954	236,473	191,819

Failures in Large Cities—May and 5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS			MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New York, N. Y.....	180	219	174	863	982	925	5,937	11,046	3,663	44,604	39,816	34,854
Chicago, Ills.....	26	30	31	130	120	129	1,177	4,467	763	9,059	12,183	4,877
Philadelphia, Pa.....	32	38	18	147	138	95	3,180	1,393	249	9,436	5,184	3,124
Detroit, Mich.....	17	12	6	97	57	46	437	1,124	232	5,246	2,600	5,597
Los Angeles, Cal.....	30	31	25	152	153	164	1,660	1,660	503	7,734	5,859	5,028
Cleveland, Ohio.....	11	10	6	57	54	33	302	485	294	2,017	1,967	1,371
Baltimore, Md.....	14	5	10	45	40	60	262	190	709	2,224	1,474	2,135
St. Louis, Mo.....	4	3	2	25	25	13	626	167	42	1,213	1,301	149
Boston, Mass.....	4	6	12	27	44	63	66	213	258	2,143	2,773	2,028
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	6	1	39	21	23	84	106	60	4,001	466	1,709
Washington, D. C.....	2	2	3	18	13	18	25	21	199	688	304	6,423
San Francisco, Cal.....	11	21	17	67	69	86	1,264	840	844	3,478	1,884	3,352
Milwaukee, Wis.....	22	10	15	55	43	63	674	187	388	1,889	874	1,459
Buffalo, N. Y.....	5	5	3	32	21	25	766	1,592	626	2,420	2,715	1,446
New Orleans, La.....	4	7	1	20	20	15	144	77	13	699	368	1,236
Minneapolis, Minn.....	5	3	3	43	18	18	105	361	36	967	1,407	488
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	4	5	2	15	21	12	602	142	51	1,024	713	503
Newark, N. J.....	2	8	9	28	46	39	8	237	327	1,598	2,403	2,449
Kansas City, Mo.....	5	5	3	26	13	5	287	450	174	1,160	861	275
Indianapolis, Ind.....	3	..	2	22	7	10	40	..	40	908	137	305
Houston, Texas.....	6	4	3	17	13	14	1,508	331	116	1,771	1,357	603
Seattle, Wash.....	3	13	10	45	52	33	97	229	235	1,511	1,663	825
Rochester, N. Y.....	8	3	6	29	21	20	195	52	127	1,127	1,354	284
Louisville, Ky.....	7	1	2	6	18	4	281	18	194	322	640	267
Denver, Col.....	3	8	3	48	43	23	160	218	292	3,300	1,188	864
Total 25 Cities.....	412	455	367	2,053	2,052	1,936	19,887	25,606	10,435	110,539	91,491	81,651
Balance of Country.....	788	709	588	3,952	3,339	2,776	32,665	34,295	24,279	174,415	144,982	110,168
Total United States.....	1,200	1,164	955	6,005	5,391	4,712	52,552	59,901	34,714	284,954	236,473	191,819

United States Failures by States—May and 5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS			MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New England:												
Maine.....	..	2	3	14	11	18	..	51	65	553	284	563
New Hampshire.....	3	1	1	117	5	17	200	19	15	1,046	398	813
Vermont.....	..	..	..	9	3	5	..	..	..	349	242	184
Massachusetts.....	19	32	39	117	164	177	1,065	1,020	951	6,838	7,393	6,636
Connecticut.....	15	16	23	95	63	81	1,280	285	680	20,243	3,429	2,373
Rhode Island.....	13	16	9	71	80	42	431	499	1,660	2,741	5,067	2,783
Total New England.....	53	67	75	323	326	346	3,176	1,874	3,371	31,770	16,813	13,352
Middle Atlantic:												
New York.....	239	278	222	1,258	1,296	1,186	8,152	14,869	5,315	62,867	53,750	44,837
New Jersey.....	46	57	38	271	262	185	2,060	2,664	2,854	15,388	13,454	11,077
Pennsylvania.....	74	77	44	379	313	259	4,922	2,637	1,486	20,235	13,756	10,668
Total Middle Atlantic.....	359	412	304	1,908	1,871	1,630	15,141	20,170	9,655	98,490	80,960	66,582
East North Central:												
Ohio.....	50	40	33	261	202	150	1,795	1,514	1,394	10,378	9,242	5,088
Indiana.....	10	6	14	55	41	47	627	156	280	2,845	2,243	2,650
Illinois.....	50	47	45	255	199	185	2,286	4,914	1,183	15,565	15,215	6,492
Michigan.....	48	26	14	240	149	95	1,356	1,861	389	9,945	7,387	7,595
Wisconsin.....	36	22	35	124	103	149	1,026	422	1,279	4,495	2,669	3,799
Total East North Central.....	194	141	141	935	694	626	7,090	8,867	4,525	43,228	36,716	25,624
West North Central:												
Minnesota.....	15	14	7	86	67	48	727	712	121	3,711	2,732	3,880
Iowa.....	2	9	5	28	36	18	49	250	71	1,680	1,169	729
Missouri.....	10	12	6	63	55	34	926	752	229	2,746	2,828	996
North Dakota.....	1	..	..	5	5	..	9	100	..	124	229	..
South Dakota.....	5	1	..	14	2	3	294	7	..	446	13	66
Nebraska.....	4	1	..	22	11	8	216	5	..	607	447	1,889
Kansas.....	13	5	3	42	30	20	542	235	90	2,179	2,224	657
Total West North Central.....	50	43	21	260	206	131	2,763	2,061	511	11,493	9,642	8,217
South Atlantic:												
Maryland.....	20	10	13	67	63	71	325	345	840	2,740	2,599	2,575
Delaware.....	..	1	1	6	3	2	..	25	4	408	196	19
District of Columbia.....	2	2	3	18	13	18	25	21	199	688	304	6,422
Virginia.....	10	6	7	54	46	26	878	916	301	2,359	2,301	1,017
West Virginia.....	8	3	9	33	28	44	184	138	50	851	570	1,532
North Carolina.....	7	11	4	48	47	24	83	724	68	1,665	1,547	1,511
South Carolina.....	19	11	1	54	35	23	297	81	19	970	583	1,222
Georgia.....	17	11	12	86	66	58	607	205	236	3,298	2,105	2,297
Florida.....	38	41	23	167	179	103	2,106	591	1,362	7,165	3,552	5,474
Total South Atlantic.....	121	96	73	532	480	369	4,505	3,046	3,079	20,144	13,757	22,069
East South Central:												
Kentucky.....	6	5	3	25	37	16	632	98	210	1,411	1,359	524
Tennessee.....	14	22	11	79	81	57	398	972	4,468	2,526	3,998	6,693
Alabama.....	10	3	5	46	19	31	375	52	192	1,232	478	1,186
Mississippi.....	9	4	4	45	25	27	124	32	47	1,304	817	728
Total East South Central.....	39	34	23	195	162	131	1,529	1,154	4,917	6,473	6,652	9,131
West South Central:												
Arkansas.....	12	4	1	30	10	18	731	141	89	1,098	200	575
Oklahoma.....	7	3	3	25	28	22	309	46	78	1,122	686	703
Louisiana.....	15	13	6	78	58	36	1,313	156	70	3,785	2,029	1,725
Texas.....	53	31	13	204	138	71	3,805	10,894	624	10,798	18,992	3,129
Total West South Central.....	87	51	23	337	234	147	6,158	11,237	861	16,803	21,907	6,132
Mountain:												
Montana.....	1	..	2	8	14	7	4	..	9	174	210	144
Idaho.....	1	..	..	10	5	3	2	..	..	228	157	145
Wyoming.....	1	1	2	5	2	7	25	6	188	250	31	264
Colorado.....	15	11	3	76	63	25	361	279	292	4,112	1,758	910
New Mexico.....	3	3	1	11	14	5	44	91	85	896	410	215
Arizona.....	5	10	8	43	46	45	163	344	221	1,235	2,388	1,012
Utah.....	3	10	..	20	31	18	28	513	..	787	1,038	1,304
Nevada.....	5	10	3	22	27	15	446	854	79	1,638	2,606	301
Total Mountain.....	34	45	19	195	202	125	1,073	2,087	874	9,320	8,598	4,295
Pacific:												
Washington.....	25	29	26	177	119	91	481	385	984	5,114	3,084	2,681
Oregon.....	31	21	14	169	67	45	523	365	368	4,934	3,881	1,020
California.....	207	225	236	974	1,030	1,077	10,113	8,655	5,569	37,185	34,463	32,716
Total Pacific.....	263	275	276	1,320	1,216	1,213	11,117	9,405	6,921	47,233	41,428	36,417
Total United States.....	1,200	1,164	955	6,005	5,391	4,712	52,552	59,901	34,714	284,954	236,473	191,819

Canadian Failures by Provinces—May and 5 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS			MONTH OF MAY			FIVE MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Canada:												
Newfoundland.....	1	1	..	1	8	6	40	15	..	40	239	196
Prince Edward Island.....	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	7	..	..	7	39
Nova Scotia.....	2	..	..	9	2	4	141	..	..	443	192	426
New Brunswick.....	..	..	2	6	5	5	..	3	57	89	246	102
Quebec.....	51	56	67	348	303	395	964	976	1,470	9,858	8,074	9,401
Ontario.....	46	42	41	222	211	177	1,810	1,250	1,639	11,274	13,183	5,671
Manitoba.....	3	1	2	23	20	24	148	47	32	1,069	2,567	1,164
Saskatchewan.....	2	1	2	14	7	12	45	23	136	377	230	731
Alberta.....	4	4	..	23	5	5	26	98	..	1,321	113	192
British Columbia.....	8	9	7	22	29	38	219	196	67	984	1,259	844
Total Canada.....	117	116	121	668	591	668	3,393	2,611	3,401	25,455	26,110	18,766

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—May and 5 Months 1957 and 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	MAY 1957				FIVE MONTHS 1957				FIVE MONTHS 1956			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MINING & MANUFACTURING....	205	100.0	14,888	15,538	1,030	100.0	98,441	100,342	1,066	100.0	93,330	95,229
Under \$5,000.....	19	9.2	48	48	96	9.3	283	283	92	8.6	291	291
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	93	45.4	1,171	1,171	409	39.7	5,045	5,045	422	39.6	5,203	5,203
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	44	21.5	1,904	1,904	300	29.1	14,242	14,242	352	33.0	17,818	17,818
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	49	23.9	11,765	12,415	218	21.2	56,101	57,499	187	17.6	43,519	44,567
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	7	0.7	22,770	23,273	13	1.2	26,499	27,350
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	132	100.0	6,430	6,430	565	100.0	35,911	35,931	546	100.0	24,665	24,889
Under \$5,000.....	13	9.9	39	39	52	9.2	147	147	47	8.6	143	143
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	50	37.9	669	669	218	38.6	2,837	2,837	243	44.5	3,146	3,146
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	51	38.6	2,366	2,366	225	39.8	11,221	11,221	197	36.1	9,500	9,500
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	18	13.6	3,356	3,356	66	11.7	13,511	13,531	58	10.6	10,736	10,960
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	4	0.7	8,195	8,195	1	0.2	1,140	1,140
RETAIL TRADE.....	600	100.0	15,686	15,686	3,032	100.0	82,138	82,837	2,656	100.0	66,073	66,341
Under \$5,000.....	125	20.9	368	368	557	18.4	1,619	1,619	556	20.9	1,586	1,586
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	323	53.8	3,969	3,969	1,676	55.3	20,532	20,532	1,430	53.9	16,985	16,985
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	129	21.5	5,815	5,815	678	22.3	29,963	29,963	574	21.6	24,175	24,175
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	23	3.8	5,534	5,534	118	3.9	26,601	27,300	93	3.5	17,853	18,121
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.1	3,423	3,423	3	0.1	5,474	5,474
CONSTRUCTION.....	181	100.0	10,820	11,065	915	100.0	49,446	49,825	702	100.0	38,977	40,104
Under \$5,000.....	22	12.2	62	62	85	9.3	258	258	63	9.0	182	182
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	74	40.9	945	945	396	43.3	5,260	5,260	290	41.3	3,876	3,876
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	56	30.9	2,403	2,403	314	34.3	14,754	14,754	252	35.9	12,284	12,284
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	28	15.5	6,197	6,442	117	12.8	25,961	26,340	95	13.5	19,961	21,088
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	1,213	1,213	3	0.3	3,213	3,213	2	0.3	2,674	2,674
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	82	100.0	4,728	6,206	463	100.0	19,018	20,537	421	100.0	13,428	13,428
Under \$5,000.....	13	15.9	33	33	85	18.4	254	254	94	22.4	265	265
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	34	41.5	447	447	239	51.6	2,924	2,924	235	55.8	2,826	2,826
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	23	28.0	1,291	1,291	99	21.4	4,674	4,674	70	16.6	3,117	3,117
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	11	13.4	2,435	2,435	38	8.2	9,380	9,421	21	5.0	6,158	6,158
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	1.2	522	2,000	2	0.4	1,786	3,264	1	0.2	1,062	1,062
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,200	100.0	52,552	54,925	6,005	100.0	284,954	289,472	5,391	100.0	236,473	239,991
Under \$5,000.....	192	16.0	550	550	875	14.6	2,561	2,561	852	15.8	2,467	2,467
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	574	47.8	7,201	7,201	2,938	48.9	36,598	36,598	2,620	48.6	32,036	32,036
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	303	25.3	13,779	13,779	1,616	26.9	74,854	74,854	1,445	26.8	66,894	66,894
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000....	129	10.7	29,287	30,182	557	9.3	131,554	134,091	454	8.4	98,227	100,894
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.2	1,735	3,213	19	0.3	39,387	41,368	20	0.4	36,849	37,700

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—May 1957

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1)....	12	1,804	5	157	19	436	7	220	5	507	48	3,124
New York.....(2)....	72	3,412	27	1,634	147	3,318	21	942	11	584	278	9,890
Philadelphia.....(3)....	12	481	13	425	34	1,498	7	1,953	2	5	68	4,362
Cleveland.....(4)....	9	1,023	5	559	30	540	19	506	7	172	70	2,800
Richmond.....(5)....	5	84	7	79	36	1,179	14	371	3	49	65	1,762
Atlanta.....(6)....	9	982	13	485	43	788	17	1,393	4	553	86	4,201
Chicago.....(7)....	22	1,317	18	552	68	1,320	22	1,048	7	480	137	4,717
St. Louis.....(8)....	8	1,348	8	439	16	430	6	566	1	34	39	2,817
Minneapolis.....(9)....	5	562	..	..	12	432	6	123	2	34	25	1,151
Kansas City.....(10)....	5	212	5	406	25	622	11	447	2	100	48	1,787
Dallas.....(11)....	9	1,242	14	1,018	22	469	13	1,377	2	199	60	4,305
San Francisco.....(12)....	37	2,421	17	676	148	4,654	38	1,874	36	2,011	276	11,636
Total United States.....	205	14,888	132	6,430	600	15,686	181	10,820	82	4,728	1,200	52,552

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	50.4	47.9	42.9	39.4	48.0	46.1	40.9	36.8
February.....	59.3	50.9	45.6	47.9	51.1	43.5	38.6	40.9
March.....	58.7	49.6	44.0	46.7	54.9	46.4	41.1	43.6
April.....	51.6	45.2	39.7	42.9	48.2	42.2	36.8	39.7
May.....	52.6	51.3	43.7	43.1	50.1	48.9	41.6	41.0
June.....	48.7	40.2	42.5	..	49.2	40.6	42.9	..
July.....	46.4	39.1	37.6	..	49.9	42.0	40.4	..
August.....	46.5	37.4	40.1	..	51.7	41.6	44.1	..
September.....	44.2	37.5	37.5	..	51.4	43.6	44.1	..
October.....	50.6	41.9	39.9	..	53.3	44.6	42.4	..
November.....	49.5	46.8	46.4	..	48.5	46.3	46.4	..
December.....	44.8	39.8	40.3	..	47.2	42.3	42.9	..
Mo. Average..	54.5	48.0	41.6	42.0	.....	.....	.....	.....

(* Adjusted for seasonal variation.)

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the failure record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January.....	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February.....	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March.....	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April.....	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	153	15.5	91	9.2
May.....	1,164	245	21.1	118	10.1	575	49.4	132	11.3	94	8.1
June.....	1,105	183	16.5	115	10.4	551	49.9	163	14.8	93	8.4
July.....	1,018	165	16.2	85	8.4	540	53.0	141	13.9	87	8.5
August.....	1,101	195	17.7	98	8.9	567	51.5	146	13.3	95	8.6
September.....	932	140	15.0	85	9.1	489	52.5	146	15.7	72	7.7
October.....	1,158	198	17.1	112	9.7	584	50.4	182	15.7	82	7.1
November.....	999	166	16.6	94	9.4	482	48.3	171	17.1	86	8.6
December.....	982	172	17.5	72	7.3	472	48.1	183	18.6	83	8.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,285	18.0	1,207	9.5	6,341	50.0	1,834	14.5	1,019	8.0
1957											
January.....	1,148	197	17.2	91	7.9	612	53.3	177	15.4	71	6.2
February.....	1,146	199	17.4	106	9.2	568	49.6	180	15.7	93	8.1
March.....	1,336	239	17.9	121	9.1	672	50.3	205	15.3	99	7.4
April.....	1,175	190	16.2	115	9.8	580	49.4	172	14.6	118	10.0
May.....	1,200	205	17.1	132	11.0	600	50.0	181	15.1	82	6.8
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Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January.....	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February.....	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March.....	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April.....	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May.....	1,164	194	16.7	579	49.7	278	23.9	109	9.4	4	0.3
June.....	1,105	193	17.5	505	45.7	322	29.1	81	7.3	4	0.4
July.....	1,018	175	17.2	486	47.7	302	29.7	50	4.9	5	0.5
August.....	1,101	198	18.0	515	46.8	269	24.4	111	10.1	8	0.7
September.....	932	127	13.6	487	52.3	245	26.3	71	7.6	2	0.2
October.....	1,158	188	16.2	560	48.3	303	26.2	104	9.0	3	0.3
November.....	999	152	15.2	491	49.2	282	28.2	72	7.2	2	0.2
December.....	982	147	15.0	488	49.7	263	26.8	79	8.0	5	0.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,032	16.0	6,152	48.5	3,431	27.0	1,022	8.1	49	0.4
1957											
January.....	1,148	173	15.0	543	47.3	306	26.7	124	10.8	2	0.2
February.....	1,146	178	15.5	539	47.0	325	28.4	100	8.7	4	0.4
March.....	1,336	183	13.7	698	52.2	344	25.7	105	7.9	6	0.5
April.....	1,175	149	12.7	584	49.7	338	28.8	99	8.4	5	0.4
May.....	1,200	192	16.0	574	47.8	303	25.3	129	10.7	2	0.2
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